

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, April 7th, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Lent



Mission Statement

To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our community in our worship and our living.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a local community of believers where:

Jesus Christ is the head.

The Bible has the ultimate authority as the true, infallible and complete word of God.

Salvation through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and belief in His finished work on the cross is preached.

The Gospel of Christ is spread in our community, our nation, and around the world in both word and action.

Believers encourage each other and hold others in higher regard than themselves so that each may use the gifts God has given him/her to the glory

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Reader

Beth Matheson
Donna Lyle

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn God, reveal your presence # 414
Prayer of Confession

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 43:16-21
Responsive Psalm 126
Children's Hymn Praise our Maker, peoples of one ... #700
Litany for Fifth Sunday in Lent Deanna Gilholm
Children's Story
New Testament Epistle Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14
New Testament Gospel Lesson John 12:1-8
Sermon *Love exhibited*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn Take up your cross # 211
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Offering & Offertory
Anthem *There is None Like You/I Worship You*
 Almighty God LeBlanc/Wood arr. Schrader
Doxology # 830
Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn More love to thee #707
Benediction, Choral Amen & Postlude

Welcome

We welcome everyone to this service of worship this Lord's Day and pray that this will be a time of blessing for all. We thank Deanna Gilholm for her part in the Lent Litany. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Donna Lyle, Wendy Ferguson and Deanna Gilholm

Nursery

Today: Ginny MacLennan and Sara MacQueen
Next Sunday Marilyn Strickland and Joan Grant

Sunday School Shepherd David Sneddon

Greeter at the South Door Brian Mikkelsen

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Roy MacDonald

Visiting the Hospital this week

Ben Furey 562-2266

Readings for next week

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Virtue Mouland and Glenn Morris from Charles & Linda Greaves

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregation is called to meet next Sunday, April 14th at 10:20am to consider the matter of changing the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting from the first Wednesday in February to the last Wednesday in February.

The Cove Guest Home is collecting recipes for a cookbook to commemorate their 75th anniversary. Anyone wishing to share their favorite recipes may contact Heather Furey at 902-565-3747. Thank you.

Bulletin Reflection: Sent to Give

By the Rev. Rebecca Jess, Armour Heights Presbyterian Church, Toronto, ON

Once a month, I gather with a group of children to play, sing, eat and engage in mission. The children love taking part in outreach ministry, but this ministry can also be challenging. The activities that are the toughest for the kids are the ones that involve giving away things that they themselves would like to keep: a new backpack filled with school supplies, a baggie of chocolates and candies, a card meant for someone living in a nursing home and not for their mom. It can be difficult for children to understand the needs that exist in the world beyond our church program, especially when they cannot witness those needs firsthand.

It can be difficult for all of us to let go of the “gains” that we see around us—those things that we desire or see as rightfully ours but do not add the kind of value that Christ does to our lives. While our group may struggle with the value of giving and letting go of the things we would rather keep, we are also learning that engaging in Christ’s mission requires sacrifice. And this sacrifice is a small step towards making sure each person has enough.

Each day, there are opportunities to prioritize the needs of others over our own desires. It can be a struggle to embrace those opportunities, but God’s pervasive justice gives us the power to do so.

“Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair.” John 12:3

This week

Monday 7:00pm Bible Study is being held during the season of Lent. It is a Max Lucado study based on his book: *He chose the nails*.

April 8 Session 4 He chose to love us forever

April 16*** Session 5 He chose to give us victory

*** The last Session will be on the Tuesday April 16th

Mission Moments - World Health Day (April 7)

Good health starts with good nutrition – especially for young children. In a poor village in Haiti, one-year-old Marcellus was losing weight rapidly and had a persistent cough. Because of crop losses, his single mother was struggling to feed the little boy and his five siblings. She knew Marcellus needed medical attention, but the price of transport to the closest health facility was more than she could afford. Hope came to Marcellus’s mother in the form of a mobile clinic supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and other Canadian Foodgrains Bank members. There, Marcellus received a nutrient-rich food supplement called Nourimanba, antibiotics and multivitamins. Marcellus is no longer malnourished and is on course to grow up healthy and strong.

PWS&D brings health care closer to home

Thursday @ 7:30 pm

Preparatory Service will be held.

Advance Notices

Spring Communion Services will be held on **Sunday, April 14th**
10:30 am and 7:00pm.

Good Friday Services Friday, April 19th 8:30am

Good Friday Men's Breakfast & Service will begin in the Bethel Church Hall, followed by a service in the Sanctuary. Rev. Ritchie Robinson will be the speaker. All men all ages are invited to attend.

1:00pm Good Friday Service will be held in Bethel Sanctuary for all to attend.

Nineteenth Annual Women's Breakfast

Saturday, April 27th 8:30 am North River Bridge Church

Breakfast served downstairs in Memorial Hall.

9:30 Program in the sanctuary. The program this year is entitled:

Gardening with God and will be presented by the women of Ross Ferry Knox Presbyterian Church. Individuals or church groups are asked to bring a gardening item (ex. ordinary seeds, gardening gloves, gift cards to gardening centres, Wal-Mart or hardware stores) which will be given to support the Hope Project. Cost: \$10.00. **Reservations and cancellations necessary .Reservations can be made by calling Joan Richardson@ 902 564-5140.** This is a morning of good food, fellowship, and fun -well worth the early morning drive!

The Watoto Children's Choir, from Uganda, East Africa, will present their concert "We Will Go" on **Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines (643 Main Street)**. This inspirational, high-energy concert is approximately 1 ½ hours in length and is age appropriate for young and old as well as everyone in between! Admission to this wonderful concert is FREE but there

will be a Free Will Offering collected in support of Watoto's mission with children who have been impacted by the AIDS/HIV crisis. So save the date that's Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines. If you haven't seen these children before then this is one concert you should attend. For more information, please contact Rita at 902-736-2508

Saturday May 4th 2-4pm Spring Tea in Bethel Hall

All are invited to attend.

Centenary College Choir, Shreveport, Louisiana Concert at Bethel Church, Sydney Tuesday May 14th 7:00pm Organized in 1941 by Dr. A.C. "Cheesy" Voran, the Centenary College Choir has concertized throughout the world, giving concerts in 32 nations on six continents. The Choir has sung for frontline troops in Korea, the Presidents of the United States and Switzerland, the Queen of Denmark, the leaders of NATO, and the Prime Minister of Thailand. In May 2019 the Choir embarks on its first ever tour of Canada, exploring the "Deep Roots" of our Louisiana-French-Acadian heritage. Additionally, the Choir has performed in many of the most prestigious venues in the world, including Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall, St. Peter's Basilica, Cathedral Notre Dame, Sydney Opera House, San Francisco Opera House, Canterbury Cathedral, and many others. Receiving a very rare honor for any organization, the Choir has been invited to The White House seven times to give programs of Christmas music for special guests of President and Mrs. Bill Clinton and President and Mrs. George W. Bush.

The young women and men of the Choir come from many areas of the nation and other countries and represent most of the academic majors offered by the College. Members of the Choir receive one of the finest college educations possible while making enduring

friendships as a part of the Choir family and tradition. Members are selected by auditions held October through March for the following term. Persons wishing to audition should contact the director of the choir or the school of music to arrange an appointment. The Choir is affiliated with the Hurley School of Music and offers scholarships for all its members. For those interested in majoring in music, the College offers an extensive Bachelor of Arts Music degree with several optional areas of emphasis, including performance, choral music, sacred/church music, and composition. Please invite all to come and join with us.

Cove Auxiliary Yard Sale

On Saturday, June 1, the Cove Auxiliary is holding their annual yard sale. If you have any items you'd like to donate, there is a small room available for storage in the church hall. (Contact person, Heather Furey 902-562-2266)

The Mira Pastoral Charge is organizing a bus trip to Halifax to see The Royal NS International Tattoo. The bus will be leaving on July 2nd and we will attend the Tattoo that evening. The next day we'll explore Mahone Bay and Lunenburg and will have supper in Halifax at a Dinner Theatre. We return to CB on Thursday, July 4th. The cost is \$ 469.00 per person, double occupancy, and includes: two nights in a hotel, complimentary continental breakfast, ticket to the Tattoo (the bus takes us right to the door), trip to Mahone Bay and Lunenburg, and cost of the Dinner Theatre. For more information or to reserve a spot, please call Sandi Ravanello at 902-562-0676 **by April 9th.**